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EDITORIAL

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held in the Senate chamber in the State Capitol Building at Springfield, Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8, 1914. Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, the president of the Society, presided over all sessions.

The members of the Society also rejoiced in the presence of their honorary president, Colonel Clark E. Carr, who made the journey from Washington to attend the meeting, and who is in much better health than he was a year ago at the 1913 annual meeting.

There were no changes in the officers of the Society. The entire Board of Directors and other officers were re-elected.

The program as printed was carried out with but few changes in its arrangement.

Captain J. H. Burnham read his most excellent and carefully prepared address on the destruction of Kaskaskia by the Mississippi River. To the preparation of this paper Captain Burnham has devoted months of labor and research. He

has furnished the Society a definite contribution in this account of this most interesting and curious page of Illinois history, and it is to be congratulated that Captain Burnham was able to give the time and labor necessary for its accomplishment. The paper was accompanied by fine maps which will be published in the Transactions of the Society as a part of the address.

On the morning of Thursday a telegram was received from Mrs. J. A. James, announcing the fact of the sickness of Professor James and his consequent inability to present his lecture on the Illinois State park system. Happily Professor A. R. Crook of the State Museum of Natural History gave the Society a most interesting address on Indians and archaeology with some fine illustrations. The address of Professor W. W. Sweet on the Methodist Church and Reconstruction was given on Thursday evening instead of in the morning of that day.

The address on the Williamson County Vendetta by Judge George W. Young of Marion was in the absence of Judge Young read by Miss Lottie E. Jones of Danville.

The other addresses were presented as given in the printed program.

On Friday evening the annual address was delivered by Judge O. N. Carter of the Illinois State Supreme Court.

The subject of Judge Carter's address was the Early Courts of Chicago and Cook County.

Judge Carter added in the most entertaining manner to this valuable and exhaustive paper, anecdotes of famous judges and lawyers. The address is published in full in this number of the Journal.

The reception which followed Judge Carter's address was held in the State Library, and the handsome Library rooms were beautifully decorated and refreshments were served to the Society and its friends. The reception was one of the most enjoyable and beautiful affairs ever given by the Society.

Mrs. C. C. Brown and Mrs. B. H. Ferguson had full charge of this part of the annual meeting. They were assisted by

Mrs. Logan Hay, Mrs. Victor E. Bender and a number of the young ladies of Springfield. Mrs. I. G. Miller had charge of the decorations of the Senate chamber and the Library.

Music was furnished by several Springfield musicians including Mrs. Mary Tiffany Hudson, Miss Edith Wright, Miss Louise Helmle and Mr. Elmer J. Kneale. Many prominent citizens attended the sessions of the annual meeting. Naturally many members of the legal profession came to hear Judge Carter's address. Most of these lawyers are members of the Historical Society, and so were not guests but hosts on this occasion. Governor E. F. Dunne also honored the Society with his presence.

The program in full is as follows:

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Thursday Morning, May 7, 1914, 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber.

Address: The Methodist Church and Reconstruction,
W. W. Sweet, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.
Address: Destruction of Kaskaskia by the Mississippi River,
J. H. Burnham, Bloomington, Illinois.
Part I. The Work of the Rivers,
J. H. Burnham.
Part II. Old and New Kaskaskia,
H. W. Roberts, Chester.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 o'clock.

Address: In Black Hawk's Home,
John H. Hauberg, Rock Island, Illinois.

Songs: Miss Louise Helmle.

Address: Chief Little Turtle.

Mrs. Mary Ridpath Mann, Chicago, Ill.

Address: The Life and Services of Shelby M. Cullom,
Henry A. Converse, Springfield, Illinois.

Thursday Evening, 8:00 o'clock.

The Illinois State Park System. Illustrated.

J. A. James, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Songs: Miss Edith Wright.

Friday Morning, 9:00 o'clock.

Director's Meeting in the office of the Secretary.

10:00 o'clock, in Senate Chamber.

Business Meeting of Society.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

Address: The Williamson County Vendetta,
Hon. Geo. W. Young, Marion, Illinois.

Address: The Yates Phalanx. The 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.
W. H. Jenkins, Pontiac, Illinois.

Friday Afternoon.

General Topic: An Account of the Great Whig Meeting held at Springfield, June 3-4, 1840. With Music of the Campaign.

Address: Representation at the Convention from Northern Illinois.
Mrs. Edith P. Kelly, Bloomington, Illinois.

Address: Southern Illinois and Neighboring States at the Convention,
Mrs. Martha McNeil Davidson, Greenville, Illinois.

Address: The Young Men's Convention and Old Soldiers' Meeting at Springfield, June 3-4, 1840.
Mrs. Isabel Jamison, Springfield, Illinois.

Friday Evening, 8:00 o'clock.

Quartet: Illinois.

Annual Address: Early Courts of Chicago and Cook County.
Judge O. N. Carter, Chicago, Illinois.

Songs: Mrs. Mary Tiffany Hudson.
Reception in the State Library.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

May, 1913—May, 1914.

May 7, 1914.

To the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN: The Illinois State Historical Society is now fifteen years old, this being its fifteenth annual meeting. The Society was organized June 30, 1899, as the result of the preliminary meeting held at the University of Illinois May 19, 1899. The first annual meeting was held at Peoria the following January (January 5-6, 1900), the second annual meeting was held at Springfield, January 30-31, 1901. At this meeting the secretary reported that there were about sixty members.

An able address was delivered before the Society by Reuben Gold Thwaites, secretary and director of the Wisconsin Historical Society, in which he stated that that day, (January 30, 1901,) was the fifty-second birthday of the Wisconsin Historical Society. In the report of the secretary at the sixth annual meeting held in Springfield, January 25-26, 1905, two hundred and fifty-one members were reported. This included twenty-eight editorial or newspaper members.

At the tenth annual meeting eight hundred members were reported and today the Society numbers:

Honorary members.....	17
Life members	12
Active	1,583
Newspaper editors	47
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Total	1,659

and is the largest State society in the United States in point of numbers. We have lost by death since our last annual meeting sixteen of our members. They are:

Mr. H. L. Sayler, Chicago, Illinois, May 31, 1913.
 Miss M. Frances Chenery, Springfield, Illinois, June 7, 1913.
 Mr. Albert Atherton, Pleasant Plains, Illinois, June 11, 1913.
 Mr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, Madison, Wisconsin, October 22, 1913, (an honorary member).
 Mrs. Katherine Goss Wheeler, Springfield, Illinois, November 19, 1913.
 Mr. C. S. N. Hallberg, Chicago, Illinois, November 5, 1913.
 Mr. Thornton G. Capps, Greenfield, Illinois, December 11, 1913.
 Mr. Louis Waltersdorf, Chicago, Illinois, December 12, 1913.
 Mr. John H. Drawyer, Bradford, Illinois, 1913.
 Mr. J. M. Ryrie, Alton, Illinois, 1914.
 Professor Henry B. Henkel, Springfield, Illinois, February 26, 1914.
 Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, January 28, 1914, (an honorary member of the Society).
 Mr. Edgar S. Scott, Springfield, Illinois, March 22, 1914.
 Mr. Charles B. Campbell, Kankakee, Illinois, April 1, 1914.
 Mr. W. H. Thacker, Arlington, Washington, April 1, 1914.
 Brief biographies of these members have appeared in the Journal and I will not at this time repeat them. An address on the life of Senator Shelby M. Cullom will be a part of the proceedings of this annual meeting.
 I again desire to call your attention to the oft repeated requests of the secretary to be informed in the case of deaths in our membership. You are urgently requested to notify the secretary if you learn of the death of a member of this Society.

Members express their interest in the Society and their pleasure in its publications by many kind letters. I beg to read a brief one from one of our members and I hope the Society will see fit to send a word of greeting to the writer of the letter.

“Moro, Illinois, May 4, 1914.

My Dear Mrs. Weber:

I am enclosing the \$1.00 for dues in the Historical Society and would be delighted to attend the meeting in Springfield and hear the interesting topics discussed so ably, as I am sure they will be, but alas! I am a hopeless shut-in, not likely to enjoy attending anything beyond the walls of my room. But with all my limitations I find life worth living because of the many love feasts I can have in print and script. My mind can travel, yea even wander, in the realms of reason and I can have beautiful thoughts all of the time. In all good societies I can *belong* even if I can't *throng*.

May the Illinois Historical Society live long and prosper!

Yours sincerely,

(MRS.) KATHARINE STAHL.”

On November 19, 1913, this Society held a memorial meeting in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, at which time Mr. Lincoln delivered his celebrated Gettysburg address. Governor Dunne by special proclamation called the attention of the people of the State to this historic anniversary and asked them to observe it. The Historical Society gladly acted upon the patriotic suggestion of our Governor and on the evening of November 19, 1913, the meeting was held. It was an occasion that will long be remembered by those who attended it.

Governor Dunne, after being introduced by Dr. O. L. Schmidt, president of the society, presided over the meeting and addresses were made by Judge J. O. Cunningham, a personal friend of Mr. Lincoln; State Superintendent of Public Instruction F. G. Blair; and Hon. Everett Jennings. These were noteworthy addresses. Stephenson Post, G. A. R., attended in a body and the soldiers who had been participants at

the Battle of Gettysburg were asked to come to the speakers' stand and there an eloquent address was made to them, especially, by Hon. Everett Jennings. The meeting was successful in every detail.

Since the last meeting of this Society the commission created by the last General Assembly to arrange for the celebration of the State's centennial anniversary has been organized.

The president and secretary of the State Historical Society are members of the Centennial Commission, as are Senator Hearn, Senator Hay, Senator Johnson, President James, Professor Greene, Professor Garner, all members of the Historical Society.

The commission met and organized by making Senator Hearn chairman and Jessie Palmer Weber secretary of the commission. Committees have been appointed and work has been laid out for them. The plan contemplates a significant celebration of the centennial year by a great historical publication; celebrations in every community in the State by schools, clubs, fraternal organizations, historical societies and a great celebration at Springfield and it is hoped that there will be as an enduring memorial by the State to its hundred years of progress, a Centennial Memorial Building, the dedication of which will be a part of the centennial celebration. Senator Logan Hay is the chairman for the Centennial Memorial Building; Dr. Schmidt for the Centennial Memorial Publications; President James of the celebration at Springfield; Senator Kent E. Keller of the State Wide Celebration; Professor Greene on Monuments and Memorials; Jessie Palmer Weber on the Historical Pageant. There are other important committees, but the above mentioned are of special interest to the Historical Society.

The members of the Historical Society are expected to bear an important part in this great work and the Centennial Commission asks your aid and co-operation.

Your secretary attended the State Conference of Daughters of the American Revolution at Quincy last October and made a report of the working of the Fort Massac Park Trustees.

A member of this Society, Mrs. E. S. Walker, made at that same conference an admirable report as State chairman of the Illinois D. A. R. committee on historic research. You are all familiar with the splendid work that Mrs. Walker is doing in compiling the names and records of military services and the places of burial of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Illinois. Mrs. Walker is doing this work by counties of Illinois. She is carefully verifying these. I suggest that the Society express in some manner its appreciation of her labors.

Miss Georgia L. Osborne, chairman of the genealogical committee will report to you that the list which she has compiled of the Historical Library's various works on genealogy, is nearly ready for distribution. She will not, however, tell you of how much labor she has bestowed upon it and how valuable it will be to genealogists and genealogical students.

The secretary of the Society has been asked by Mr. Scott Matthews, pure food commissioner of this State, to assist him in the preparation of a text-book for schools. This book is to contain historical information in regard to pure food legislation and of the resources and history of the State. It is planned to have it in the hands of the school children of the State by the opening of the school year in the autumn.

The secretary has also been invited by the Illinois Commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition to place an exhibit in the Lincoln memorial room in the Illinois Building at San Francisco at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. This it is hoped will be a truly significant exhibit. The secretary begs the assistance of the Society in the collection of Lincoln material that will be worthy of the State of Illinois. The Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission, of which the governor is a commissioner, with twenty deputy or associate commissioners is building for Illinois a splendid building and the members of the commission desire that the people of this State who visit the Exposition will avail themselves of the comforts and conveniences of the Illinois Building as a resting place and meeting place, and the commission hopes that it will be the headquarters of Illinoisans at the Exposition.

The secretary and several other members of the Society attended the ceremonies at Starved Rock, attendant upon the presentation to the State of Illinois on September 6, 1913, by the D. A. R. of the State of a splendid flag-pole and D. A. R. pennant. This was a notable gathering. Addresses were made by the State regent of the D. A. R., Mrs. George A. Lawrence, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mrs. John C. Ames, vice-president general for Illinois of the D. A. R.; Hon. Samuel Alschuler, Hon. Charles Clyne and Mr. W. R. Osman, all of whom are members of the Historical Society. Other persons distinguished in historical and patriotic work made addresses. I mention those who are members of the Society to show you the part taken by our members in the historical work in this State.

The secretary visited the Rock Island County Historical Society on April 14, 1914, and had the pleasure of addressing the Society. The Rock Island County Society which has such an interesting history to report has in its membership some of the best workers of the State Historical Society. The meeting was an interesting and successful one and your secretary derived much pleasure from her visit.

Next year is the fiftieth anniversary of the termination of the great Civil War of America. It seems to me that if there is any historical event which should be commemorated by jubilee, it is this anniversary of the cessation of the hostilities between our own people. Four years ago we observed the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of that great war. This was a solemn memorial observance, but fifty years of peace and progress should be observed in a different way. If it were not for the fact that the old soldiers who remain with us today are growing feeble and are few in number it would be indeed, an anniversary of rejoicing, but it gives us an opportunity of doing special honor to the veterans who remain with us and of showing them that their bravery and sacrifices are not forgotten by us who are heirs of the prosperity which they made possible. I suggest that the meeting of 1915 especially observe this semi-centennial.

Circular letters have been issued from time to time by the Library and Society asking the assistance of members of the Historical Society and of the citizens of this State in the collection of historical material of all kinds. I again make an appeal for such material.

Mr. Sidney S. Breese of Springfield, grandson of Judge Sidney Breese, distinguished in the annals of this State, has presented the Library with a large number of the letters and papers of his grandfather. These comprise letters to Judge Breese from most of his eminent contemporaries. Among them are letters from Stephen A. Douglas, James Semple, Gustavus Koerner, William H. Bissell, John Wentworth and many others. The collection is most valuable and it is a splendid and generous gift. Lists of gifts and names of donors are acknowledged in the Journal. Your assistance is earnestly solicited.

This Society has passed the experimental stage and it has a great work to do. It is too much to expect that each one of the members of the Society be an active worker, but it is not too much to expect each one to be interested enough to help by suggestion and interest.

It will be remembered that an appropriation for the purchase of the site of old Fort Chartres was made by the last session (Forty-eighth) of the General Assembly. The land has been purchased by the State and this truly historic relic is now a part of the State park system. Mr. William A. Meese, one of the directors of this Society, was largely instrumental in securing this appropriation. Residents of the county and locality have formed an association for the purpose of stimulating interest in and preserving local history. Surely the locality which this Society represents has a history which is as fascinating and thrilling as any pictured by writers of romance. We welcome this new Society to the field of State historical work.

The research work grows rapidly and all of the employes of the Library and the Society are kept busy. The publications, the Journal and the Transactions, and indexing them,

the cataloguing and copying are all arduous labor. You have received copies of Illinois Historical Collection, Vol. IX, a bibliography of Travel and Description in Illinois, 1765-1865, by Dr. Solon J. Buck.

This is an excellent and exhaustive piece of work, although the casual student can form no idea of the amount of work, of laborious painstaking research which Dr. Buck devoted to the compilation of it. Dr. Buck has also been secured by the Centennial Commission to edit its first publication, "Illinois in 1818." The fact that he is to have supervision of this work insures its character and high value.

The work of the Society and Library progresses steadily. Membership in the Society continues to grow, but the members of the Society do not personally attend the meetings as they should do. This gentle scolding applies particularly to Springfield members. I know that members are interested, but so many things come up these busy days that one cannot do everything, and then you receive the papers in the Transactions of the Society; so the meetings are neglected. It is not very inspiring to speakers, however, to have such small audiences. Please do some missionary work with the members of the Society in regard to this matter.

The committees of the Society, too, with notable exceptions, take their duties too lightly. There is, however, good excuse for this, as it is impossible to hold frequent committee meetings, owing to the fact that members reside in all sections of the State. It might be well to arrange committee meetings for the time of the annual meeting of the Society, at which time plans for work of committees could be outlined, and sub-committees appointed. Please think this matter over and offer suggestions to the secretary of the Society.

As I have said, we are steadily progressing. We meet with disappointments along the way, but does not every one—the farmer, the teacher, the merchant, the housekeeper, workers in all lines of human endeavor—all have difficulties with which to contend?

We have every reason for encouragement and none for discouragement. These are some of the activities and some of the problems of the Illinois State Historical Society. But when all is said the principal difficulty is the fact that we are so crowded in every line of our work that the congestion is getting most uncomfortable and even a semblance of order and tidiness is impossible.

We must have more room. We hope for a new building as a centennial memorial, but even if we secure it, we will be very crowded during the intervening years, but if we have a prospect of better things we will bear present inconveniences with such patience and fortitude as we can muster. In closing I beg to thank the directors and members of the Society for continued kindness and helpfulness to me.

To mention what has been done by Miss Georgia L. Osborne would be telling you the work of my right hand. She is my co-worker in everything and she is never too tired to devote her energies to the service of the Society and the Library. I also desire to express my appreciation of the highly intelligent and unremitting assistance of my other assistant in the Library, Miss Anna C. Flaherty. Permit me also to say that the Society owes its thanks to Professor A. R. Crook, president of the State Academy of Sciences, for assistance. The secretary of state, Hon. Harry Woods, is most kind and thoughtful in extending services to the Historical Society, as is Captain F. E. McComb, superintendent of the Capitol Building. I desire to ask the thanks of the Society for the three last named gentlemen.

These, I believe, are the principal matters of interest which I wish to call to your attention.

Very respectfully,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

Approved May 8, 1914.

Illinois Building at The Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, California

On June 30, 1914, ground was broken for the Illinois Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Exercises were held in honor of the event in which former residents of Illinois took a leading part.

Citizens of California in large numbers attended the ceremonies.

There were pioneers of both States present, and they proclaimed their loyalty to the State of their birth and the State of their choice. The crowd was the largest which has attended any State exposition event, with the exception of the dedication of the California counties building, and it was the most enthusiastic.

Uncle Ezra Cummings, a bronzed old argonaut of the prairies, who fought chinch bugs in Illinois and Indians in California, came all the way from Tracy to attend the ceremonies.

"I heard Lincoln and Douglas debate in the old Nachusah House in Geneva," said Uncle Ezra. "I've always been proud of Illinois history, and now California is making some history which we'll all be proud of."

Then he became meditative. "I got here about two hours early," he said, "and I've been figuring out that steel tower over there," pointing to the framework of the Tower of Jewels. "They could put a 90-foot windmill on that, and it would pump water enough for five thousand head of stock."

While Uncle Ezra was speculating about the windmill, Justice Henry A. Melvin, chairman of the day, began his address of welcome. Justice Melvin dwelt eloquently on Illinois history which links the State to all the rest of the Union.

The speakers' stand was connected by a direct wire with the office of Governor Edward F. Dunne in Springfield, Illinois,

and Justice Melvin read the following telegram from the Governor:

I deeply regret my inability to be personally present with you at the ground breaking ceremonies at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. However, I take this means to extend to all assembled there my greetings and hearty congratulations on the fact that active work on the Illinois State Building is now about to begin, and that the building will fittingly represent one of the largest and grandest, one of the richest and most fertile States in the Union, and will serve to commemorate some of her illustrious citizens, such as Lincoln and Douglas, Grant, Logan and Altgeld.

The Illinois commission has a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate to the world the pre-eminence of Illinois as an agricultural State. Illinois ranks first in valuation of all farm crops, second in mining, third in oil and is the most important manufacturing State west of the Alleghenies. It is peculiarly fitting that these facts be brought to the attention of the thousands who will visit the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

I stand ready at all times to do what I can to promote the success of the Illinois representation at the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition."

Judge Melvin then read telegrams of congratulation and good wishes from Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, Adolph Karpen, chairman of the Illinois Exposition Commission; Samuel Woolner, Jr., chairman of the building committee of the commission; Senators James Hamilton Lewis and Lawrence Y. Sherman; William McKinley, speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and Congressmen Thomas Gallagher, James M. Graham, Claude U. Stone and Henry T. Rainey.

Arthur Arlett represented Governor Johnson of California on the program. He dwelt upon the significance of the exposition as a symbol of a new world brotherhood. Supervisor J. Emmet Hayden extended the cordial good wishes of the city in behalf of Mayor Rolph, and Thornwell Mullally spoke for the exposition directorate.

"When Illinois decided to participate, it meant success for the exposition," said Mullally, "for as Illinois goes, so goes the country."

Mrs. Olive Timmons of Berkeley led the audience in singing "Illinois," and Mrs. Sadie Stiles Thompson, president of the Oakland District of the Illinois Society of California, delivered a brief address. Dr. Frederick A. Bliss spoke for the San Francisco District of the Society.

Guy Cramer, resident representative of the Illinois Commission, spoke in behalf of the commission and the citizens of Illinois.

"I believe as a patriotic citizen of Illinois," said Cramer, "that a wholesale charge of kidnaping should lie against you of California. To me, it seems that a monster percentage of the 'Sucker' State which has been lured here, under the hypnotizing effect of your whole-hearted and great-hearted cordiality, has been retained."

Not only in attendance did Illinois claim pre-eminence over other States. It was with a gold spade that ground was broken, whereas other commonwealths have had to be content with silver.

The Governor's flag, a pennant sent to Mr. Cramer from Springfield, was raised above the site by Mrs. L. E. Rockwell, of Quincy, Illinois, who is visiting in Oakland. Mrs. Rockwell is in her eighty-fourth year and has lived in Illinois sixty years.

Illinois will have two elaborate special celebrations at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco if plans being worked out by the Illinois Commission to the Exposition materialize.

Adolph Karpen, chairman of the commission, has arranged with Hollis E. Cooley, chief of special events at the Exposition, for two important days for Illinois.

One will be known as "Chicago Day," and will be October 9, and the other "Illinois Day," July 24. Governor Dunne and his staff will attend on "Illinois Day." The chief exec-

utive will be escorted to the Exposition by the entire First Regiment, State Guard, in full uniform and with Regimental bands, on special trains.

For several months the members of the First Regiment have been making contributions weekly to a fund in charge of Major Abel Davis, which they hope will be large enough by "Illinois Day" to pay all expenses of the Regiment to the Exposition and back.

Adjutant General Dickson has signified his desire that some representation of the Illinois State militia visit San Francisco and take part in the exercises of Illinois Day, and Chicago Day.

As the Illinois State Building is on government ground, being located on the Presidio barracks, the First Regiment will receive attention from the Presidio troops.

Another plan in connection with either "Chicago" or "Illinois" day is to take the Chicago Symphony Orchestra to the Exposition, if a way can be found to raise the money needed for the trip.

Mayor Harrison will be master of ceremonies on "Chicago Day."

THE CAHOKIA MOUND ASSOCIATION FORMED.

So many attempts have been made without success to secure the great Cahokia Mound and other mounds near it for the State of Illinois that our readers will not be surprised to learn that an attempt is being made to have it preserved by the aid of a federal appropriation.

The Illinois State Historical Society feels that this wonderful archæological relic ought to be the property of the State of Illinois, but it will be glad to aid in the work planned by this new agency, as the important matter is that the mound be preserved.

On March 13, 1914, at St. Louis, the Cahokia Mound Association was formed. It is hoped that at least seventy acres can be secured which will include the great Cahokia or Monk's Mound, and a number of small mounds of the group.

The officers of the association are: Dr. H. M. Whelpley of St. Louis, president, and Dr. R. J. Terry of Washington University, St. Louis, secretary-treasurer. Officers of several historical societies are honorary vice-presidents. The association hopes to secure an appropriation from the Congress of the United States for the purchase of the necessary land. This is a most important work and deserves the assistance of every person who feels an interest in the history of the Mississippi Valley.

JERSEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY, AUGUST 5, 1914.

Jerseyville, Illinois, July 14, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society:—

On August 5th of this year "Little Jersey" will have become a perfect jewel among the counties comprising the State of Illinois.

She will then have arrived at her "Diamond Jubilee" period, or seventy-fifth anniversary.

Our home people, generally, express a desire that the date named be observed and appropriately celebrated, under the auspices of the Jersey County Historical Society. Complying with the wishes of our citizens, said society has various committees at work preparing a program of exercises for celebrating said anniversary day.

In part, the program will include a street parade in the forenoon, composed of the Sabbath schools of the county, our county officers, past and present, our citizens and visiting

friends who were here in 1839, and other divisions of our citizens, led by our city band.

The hour from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 m. will be devoted to a social time, including short addresses by the older visiting friends, and those who reside here.

From 12:00 m. to 1:30 p. m. the Court House Yard will be at the disposal of those present for basket and picnic dinners.

The newly completed and furnished rest room in the basement of the Court House, will be in charge of a committee of ladies, and open during the day and evening for the use of ladies.

In the afternoon the principal address of the day will be delivered by the Hon. T. J. Selby, of Hardin, Illinois. Mr. Selby was for many years a prominent citizen here, during which time he satisfactorily occupied various responsible positions, being sheriff of the county a half century ago. Besides this address, there will be music, flag drills and other features of the entertainment.

The evening entertainment will include a reproduction of what is known in history as the "Block House Indian Massacre" scene, ending in dispersing the band of Indians and sending their wigwams up in smoke and flames.

You are cordially and earnestly invited to be here, and to take part in the celebration on this Diamond Jubilee and home coming occasion; also to invite others to come and enjoy the day with your Jersey County friends, and to help make this occasion one to be long and pleasantly remembered by all present.

JOHN W. VINSON,
CORNELIA J. SHEPHARD,
FANNY H. ENGLISH,
MAY V. CUTTING,
GEO. H. VAN HORNE,
Invitation Committee.

This circular letter explains very well the plans of the Jersey County Historical Society for its annual meeting. These anniversary celebrations are much enjoyed by the citizens of

Jersey County, past and present, and aid greatly in the collection of historical material, as many persons bring to these meetings letters, pictures and other material bearing upon the history of the county. The committees and officers are untiring and deserve great credit.

**GIFTS OF BOOKS, LETTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND
MANUSCRIPTS TO THE ILLINOIS STATE
HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND SOCIETY.**

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